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[11](#). (C) Embassy Tokyo Political Officer met January 11 with MOFA First Middle East Division Syria Officer Hitoshi Ishizuka to request a public statement from Japan in support of Syrian human rights and democracy activists and a call to Syria to release all detained prisoners of conscience, including 30 members of the Damascus Declaration National Council. Ishizuka made note of the request and said he would pass it up, but was unable to commit to any action.

[12](#). (C) Department should be aware that MOFA Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau Director General Norihiro Okuda is scheduled to meet in Washington on January 15 with NEA DAS Gordon Gray and DAS Lawrence Butler. Department may, if deemed appropriate, wish to consider raising this subject with him at that time.
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